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It's now Citizen Potawatomi Nation!

Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Voters in the February 1996 Secretarial Election voted overwhelmingly to change the name of their tribe from Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma to Citizen Potawatomi Nation, a move long championed by Tribal Chairman John A. Barrett as better

reflecting the tribe's sovereign status.

The vote was 1,574 for and 913 against Amendment A to the tribal Constitution.

In the same election, tribal members also approved Proposed Amendment B, involving the scholarship program. The change will, for the first time, make tribal members enrolled after April 1989 eligible for the

scholarship program paid from judgment funds. While there aren't enough funds to award all eligible applicants money, the Business Committee said at their November meeting that they are particularly concerned about middle-class students who aren't eligible for Pell Grants.

Amendment B also includes a "housekeeping" change,

correcting a docket number which is incorrect in the current Constitution. The vote was 1,813 for and 685 against Amendment B.

A total of 3,976 of Citizen Band Potawatomi were eligible to vote in the Feb. 29 Secretarial Election, conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as is required when constitutional

changes are proposed.

The ballots were counted by the special three-person Election Board made up of Shawnee Area BIA Supervisor Robert W. Jones, chairman; tribal Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Joe LaReau. Results were forwarded to Washington D.C. for final approval.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The recent substantial majority vote to change the tribal Constitution accomplishes two things: 1) the name of the tribe was changed to The Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and 2) the scholarship funds were opened up to descendent members. After the election, however, the Business Committee is still hearing from those who do not understand the name change voted on and accepted by a majority of voting tribal members. Maybe the following statement by the Business Committee about the name change will clear it up:

We are not a BAND. The dictionary says that means "a division of a nomadic tribe; a group of individuals who

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New Tribal Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno Takes The Oath Of Office Administered By Judge Lawrence Wahpepah And Tribal Court Clerk Joie White

Three named to important tribal posts

By Gloria Trotter

Oklahoma City businessman Gene Bruno was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Feb. 26 in a special meeting of the Business Committee.

Bruno, who had been serving as chairman of the tribal Grievance Committee as well as Gaming Commissioner, was appointed to complete the term of Bob Davis, who resigned. Bruno will serve until the tribe's annual election in late June, when the position will be on the ballot. Whoever is elected will complete the two years remaining on Davis' term.

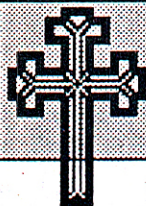
Tribal Court Judge Lawrence Wahpepah administered the oath of office to Bruno on Feb. 26, but the secretary-treasurer was unable to attend his first Business

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TRIBAL TRACTS



A message from the chaplain...

by Rev. Norman W. Kiker

Cedar Lodge Potawatomi
Traditional Renewal Encampment

An extension of the Chaplain's work in the Indian Community
and in the spiritual work of our Potawatomi Tribe

This year, August 3-9, Cedar Lodge wishes to invite Potawatomi participants both adult and youth to join in the traditional teachings of our culture, history, mother Earth, crafts and other special programs designed to assist the adults and youth. These teachings will allow our pride in the Potawatomi heritage to show through in our lives, wherever we are, in the understanding of our ancestors. Youth 10-14 will have a full-day camp schedule with cultural enhancement activities and teachings.

I will contact our Regional Directors concerning their suggestions about sponsorship for those having to come from outlying areas. There will be a fee to cover expense of adults' activities and teachings. Children attending will have everything paid within the encampment fee that is submitted.

Next month's HowNiKan will further advise you of pertinent information concerning fees, deadlines, activities and other information concerning the encampment.

Megwetch.

E-T program opens three new offices

The tribe's Employment and Training Department has recently made many changes in the delivery of services including adding three satellite offices. Each Thursday a staff person is available from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cleveland County Private Industry Council at 601 N. Porter in Norman.

On Friday of each week an Employment and Training representative is available at the Iowa Tribe's complex at Perkins from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beginning in April an Employment and Training representative will be available at the Sac & Fox Tribal Complex south of Stroud to serve area Indian people.

The Employment and Training services include classroom training, on-the-job training, vocational and educational assessments, work experience, GED preparation and orientation to the world of work.



Spring Training

Darren Loudermilk, son of Donna Loudermilk, Administration, Tribal Operations, departed on Wednesday, March 6, for spring training with the Cleveland Indians in Winter Haven, Florida. This is Darren's second year with the Indians and first full spring training. Darren, whose nickname is "Milk" or "Milkman," was drafted in 1995 after completion of his junior year at Oklahoma City University where he pitched as a "closer." Darren holds the OCU school record for the lowest earned run average (ERA), .54, and most saves in a season, 11. He played the summer of 1995 for the Burlington, North Carolina, Indians and will be assigned for the upcoming season based on several factors, including his spring training.

Language lessons planned for Potawatomi Pow-Wow

It's only three months until Pow-Wow, and this year's event will be bigger and better than ever.

Deputy Tribal Administrator Bob Trousdale said that a couple of new things are on tap this year, in addition to the traditional dance competition coordinated by Esther Lowden and her pow-wow staff. Tribal officials have been slowly adding events over the

years to appeal a wide range of tribal members and visitors.

Brand new this year will be Potawatomi language lessons for those interested. Trousdale said that the time and place are not quite nailed down but will be announced soon. Last year's popular tour of the Sacred Heart Mission will be repeated on Saturday, allowing visitors to tour the historic site in the southeastern corner of Pottawatomie County.

An event that was new and very successful last year will be expanded this year, just for kids. Youth Arts, Crafts & Games will feature "culturally specific activities for young people," said Trousdale. The program will be set up at the pow-wow grounds Friday night as well as Saturday morning and afternoon.

Chaplain Norman Kiker is again planning a Sunday morning church service followed by a lunch, and may have dance demonstrations as well. Health Services, as usual, will provide wellness screening at their facilities on Hardesty Road.

For those with other kinds of entertainment in mind, there will of course be the annual tournaments in horseshoes, bowling and golf, and the bingo hall will offer a special deal during Potawatomi Days. As usual, there will also be an interesting variety of vendors set up at the pow-wow grounds selling food, arts and crafts.

Naturally, the main attraction will be the competition pow-wow, which offers among the best prize money in the country. Senior men and junior boys will compete in straight, fancy, tradi-

tional and grass dancing, while senior women and junior girls will compete in cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy dance.

In addition, there will be a drum contest, a tiny tot contest for kids six and under, and men's and women's Golden Age dance competition for those 60 and over. A free dinner will be served at the pow-wow grounds on Saturday evening after the General Council meeting that afternoon.

Many of those planning to attend this year's Potawatomi Pow-Wow have already made reservations at area motels and at the tribal campground. Anyone who hasn't should do so as soon as possible. Campground reservations are made through Mary Farrell in Tribal Rolls.

The Potawatomi Pow-Wow charges no admission, and registration and parking are also free.

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TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 29, 1996. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 9, 1996. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as the election of Business Committee Member #1 for a four-year term, election of a Secretary/Treasurer to complete two years remaining on a four-year term and the election of Grievance Committee Member #1 to complete an unexpired term will be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

The filing period for candidates in the 1996 election is April 1, 2 and 3 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Walking on ...

GARRICK MOHLER ERNST

Garrick Mohler Ernst, beloved son of Hellen Ernst-Trout and the late Cdr. Sidney A. Ernst, USN (Ret), died January 19, 1996, after losing his three year battle with cancer.

Garrick was born in Washington, D.C. on March 9, 1944, and spent the first 10 years of his life traveling the United States and Europe as a military son. He graduated from Mills High, Millbrae, in 1962. He served three years in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS America, cruising the Mediterranean. After an honorable discharge in December, 1967 he completed barber college and became a men's hairstylist. After ten years in that field, his love of travel lured him to Australia, where he joined their Merchant Navy, becoming the Captain's Steward. He and his wife Merly and their year-old son Eric lived in Fremantle, Australia for the last 12 years.

Garrick's hobbies included photography, scuba diving and riding his Harley, "Red Roses." He loved animals and wildlife. His gentle nature and steadfast friendship will be missed by all who knew him.

Garrick also leaves behind his daughter, Kristina Michelle Ernst; two sisters, Syd Garcia and Kandra Frank; three nieces; and three great-nephews.

DOROTHEA BUCK

Mrs. Buck passed away Jan. 27, 1996. The following is from a memorial brochure: "Saturday night at 7:15 we received a call from the Chandler Health Facility telling us that Dorothea had coded (heart had stopped). They called 911 and they came immediately and worked with her for 30 minutes. She was taken to the hospital and was pronounced dead.

"After going to the hospital and calling her son David, we came home and began to go through her papers. There were three wishes that came through in all her writing and correspondence the last 5 years.

1. "I long now to go to Heaven, and I'm ready to go."

2. "I want to be cremated and buried at the head of my father. Jonathan was buried at my mother's head."

3. "I ask that there be no public funeral service."

"Across the years Dorothea's life has been a "behind the scenes" kind of ministry. From the doctors and nurses at the Indian Hospital, to the many boys in prison that she wrote to on a regular basis, to the gentleman friend in the Chandler Health Center that she introduced to the Lord about 4 weeks ago...

"In keeping with her request, no public service, we have put together a Memorial Booklet in honor of her life."

Very Special Arts coming up

On behalf of the Very Special Arts Committee, Shirl Hubert and Carol Levi would like to thank the tribe for their support last year during this event.

It was a great success, and because of this Oklahoma was asked to host this event again this year, which will be the last year Oklahoma can host the Festival. We would also like to thank you for your support and donation this year it is greatly appreciated by all.

We hope this year to send several Citizen Potawatomi children to this event, which will be held April 29-May 1 at the Kirkpatrick Center Museum complex in Oklahoma City. If there are any questions please contact Shirl Hubert at 275-5371 or Carol Levi at 275-5269.

Tribal member in new performance

PIECES is proud to announce "Selected PIECES" will be presented on April 20 at 8 p.m. and April 21 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. in the brand new performance space of Danse En L'air located at 9205 Skillman, Suite 104. The company will be premiering a ballet by choreographer Jacquelyn Ralls Forcher and three new works by Artistic Director J. Davis Hobdy, a tribal member. Other dances presented have been choreographed by Andrea Beckham and Ramona Jackson. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$6 for members of Artists Helping Artists!, Dallas Dance Council, Network 21, and S.T.A.G.E. For further information and ticket reservation please call 214-601-9831.

PIECES will be holding auditions for its professional and student companies on Sunday, April 28, at 4 pm. Auditions will be at Danse En L'air located at 9205 Skillman, Suite 104. Ballet, modern, and tap combinations will be given. Resume and photo required. For further information and appointments please call 214-601-9832.

DONATIONS TO THE HOWNIKAN

Keith J. & Shio Navarre, TX - \$15

Gary E. & Kandra Frank, CA - \$25

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from its readers. Please mail your submission to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters.

A MESSAGE TO MY TRIBAL FAMILY:

I am Gene Bruno and am a descendant of the Bruno and Vieux families. I was born in Pawnee, grew up in Tulsa, and have lived in Oklahoma City for the past thirty years. I am a graduate of Tulsa Central and Connors Jr. College. My family consists of my wife, Mary Lou, and my two daughters, Brennan and Brooke.

My professional background has been in the health care business for the past thirty-eight years. I own Alko Enterprises, which has offices in Oklahoma City and Houston, Texas.

I have served on the Grievance Committee for six years and have been the tribe's gaming commissioner for three years.

In 1995, I sat on the government task force to rewrite the Buy Indian Act so that all Indian companies could participate in the Indian Health Service Procurement Process. This new law will be in the federal registry soon.

In February, our secretary-treasurer resigned. The Business Committee asked if I would accept this position. I was very honored to do so. I will be running in our next election in June for the remaining two years of the secretary-treasurer's position on the Business Committee.

Your vote and support would be greatly appreciated.

Paid For By Gene Bruno, 4821 NW 75th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73132



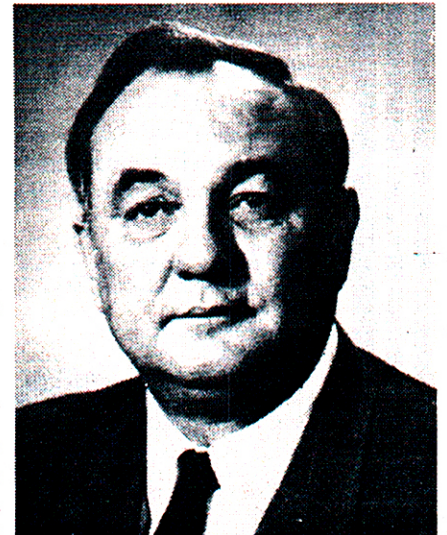
The Potawatomi Nation is a family. That's one of the reasons we need to re-elect

A Family Man.

Jerry P. Motley is a man who believes in family traditions — and one of the traditions of his family is service to the Potawatomi Nation. As a member of the Burnett Family, he can trace that proud record all the way back to the 1700s and Chief Anaquiba (sometimes called Nanaquiba or Panaquiba). That's seven generations of helping members of the tribe find a better life.

Jerry P. Motley followed in the footsteps of his ancestors by first serving the tribe as an employee and then becoming a member of the Grievance Committee. In 1992, he was elected to the Business Committee. He's seeking a second term this year.

The tribe needs people with a sense of service and a sense of family on its governing body. Please vote to keep Jerry P. Motley on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee.



RE-ELECT

JERRY P. MOTLEY

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Paid For by Jerry P. Motley, P.O. Box 357, Tecumseh, OK 74873

The tribal pharmacy: a service any one can use

It's something everyone needs sooner or later, and it often takes a pretty good lick at the pocketbook.

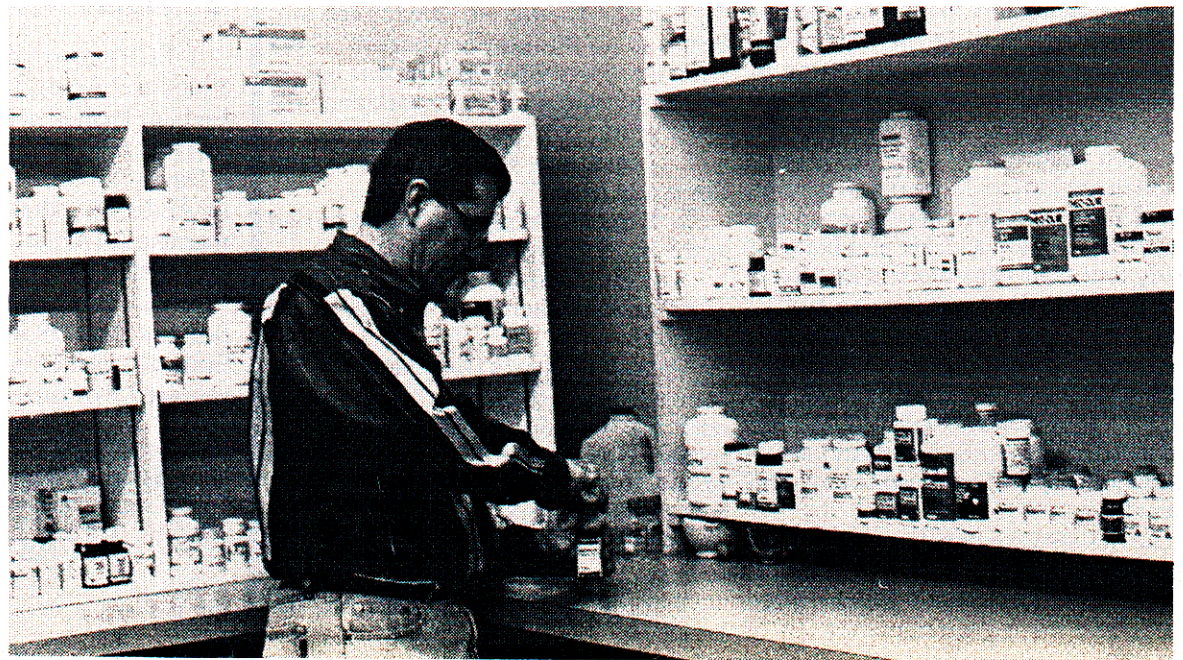
Prescription drugs can be a major expense for any family, particularly where there is a chronic health problem with expensive medication. That's why the Citizen Potawatomi Nation worked for several years to develop the tribal pharmacy, which is currently dispensing about 1,000 prescriptions a month.

That's a big number, but it probably represents only about five percent of the tribal members. Pharmacist Joe LaReau isn't sure whether it's because they don't know about or would just rather fill their prescriptions somewhere else, but he wants all Potawatomis to know he's there.

An increasing number of tribal members are taking advantage of the pharmacy by mail, often calling LaReau to check on the price of the medication and to make sure it's stocked in the tribal facility. The pharmacy is little more than a couple of closets now, and that lack of space as well as the cost of some medications limits the stock somewhat.

"We have a pretty large formulary," LaReau said, "more than the Indian Health Service, I understand." That formulary includes the most commonly requested medications, of course. Because the tribe can buy those medications from government sources, the cost is usually considerably lower than what you pay at other pharmacies which buy through traditional wholesale distributors.

All enrolled tribal members and employees as well as their spouses may purchase their prescriptions through the tribal pharmacy at the



Tribal Pharmacist Joe LaReau Is Available By Calling 273-5236

tribe's cost plus ten percent. Elders currently get an even better deal: if they're 60 years old or more, they currently receive free prescriptions — long as they're in the formulary. That's pretty expensive, LaReau admits, but that's what the Business Committee agreed to do as long as possible.

That may not be as long as they'd like. "There's a big demand for the service and declining federal dollars," noted Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert. "If we're going to continue the service, we'll have to look for additional sources of revenue and/or make a change in the procedures."

So far, the types of medications requested by tribal members and employees is varied, with no particular trend. "It's a lot of maintenance medication," LaReau said. "I have noticed that there are either a lot of asthmatics, or it could be just that the prices on the inhalers are so high that more of them are coming to us."

Currently, LaReau is the only pharmacy employee and spends much of time with the paperwork involved in that operation. If business improves much, he said, it will probably mean more space and more personnel — but it's a problem he'd like to have. "This is one service that can reach all tribal members," he said.

Pharmacist raised on family allotment in Wanette area



Tribal pharmacist Joe LaReau has been on the job only a few weeks, but he feels right at home.

Although he trained as a pharmacist (Un. of Oklahoma graduate in 1966) and worked in the profession for eight years, he eventually left pharmacy work "because it was so confining" and went into the cattle and oil business.

But the past few years have not been kind to those two industries, so LaReau started thinking about getting back to pharmacy about a year ago. "The health care industry was booming, and oil and cattle weren't," he laughed.

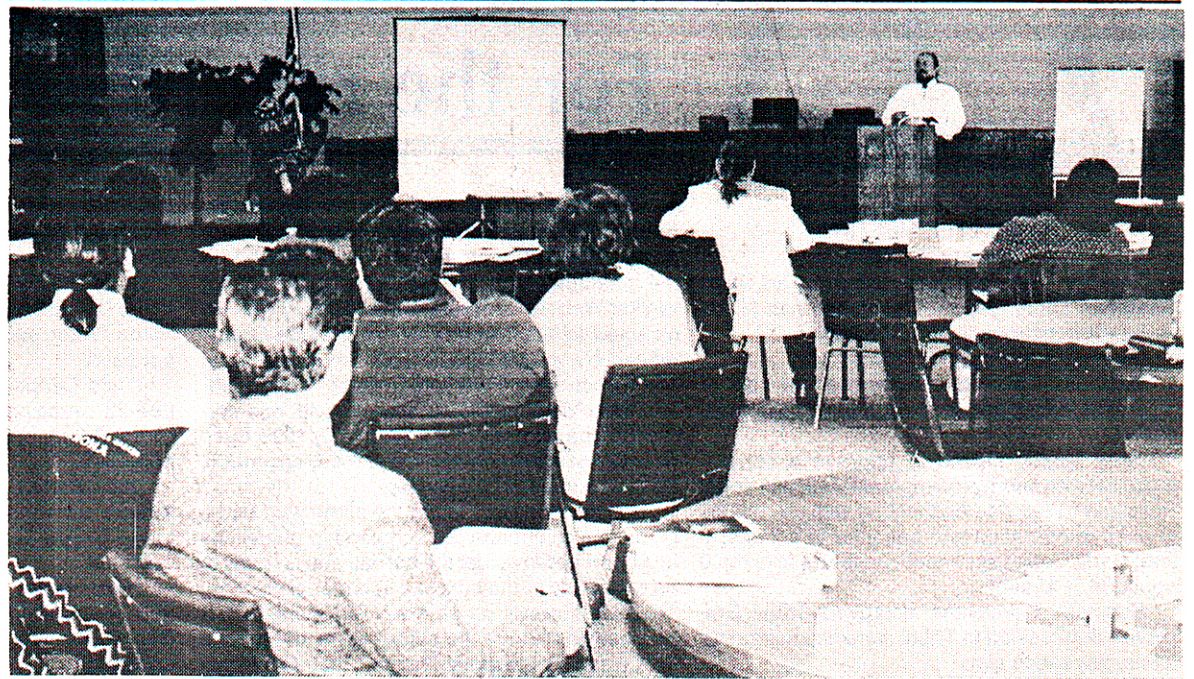
When the tribe's first pharmacist, Tom Sauer, decided to take a job closer to his home, LaReau was ready to take over. He worked part-time under Sauer for a couple of months and took over completely in early March.

An enrolled member of the tribe (his grandmother was a Higbee), LaReau's grandfather and brother came to Oklahoma well before the turn of the century and were allottees in the Wanette area of Pottawatomie County (the allotment is still in the family). Later, his parents "and the rest of the family" joined them. His father attended school at Sacred Heart for a while, and LaReau attended public school in Wanette and graduated from high school at St. Gregory's.

He and his wife LaKeta live in Norman where they raise quarter horses bred for roping and cutting. "My wife's the rancher now that I've gone back into pharmacy," he laughed. They have four children. LaReau enjoys horseback riding and related activities.



Bingham Visits With Conference Participant



Conference Participants Listen Intently As Bingham Explains New Funding Program

Tribe hosts conference on PL 102-477

By Gary Bibb
Employment & Training
Director

On February 26, 27, and 28, 1996, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe hosted a conference regarding Public Law 102-477 in the tribal Long Room. The facilitators for this conference, from the staff from Cook Inlet Tribal Council Inc. in Anchorage, Alaska.

Mr. Leroy Bingham, executive director, and his assistant Mr. Marc Leute, an analyst with the Cook Inlet Tribal Council, provided the information both on Public Law 102-477 and current legislative conditions regarding employment and training programs.

There were seventeen Oklahoma tribes in attendance to receive information on the confer-

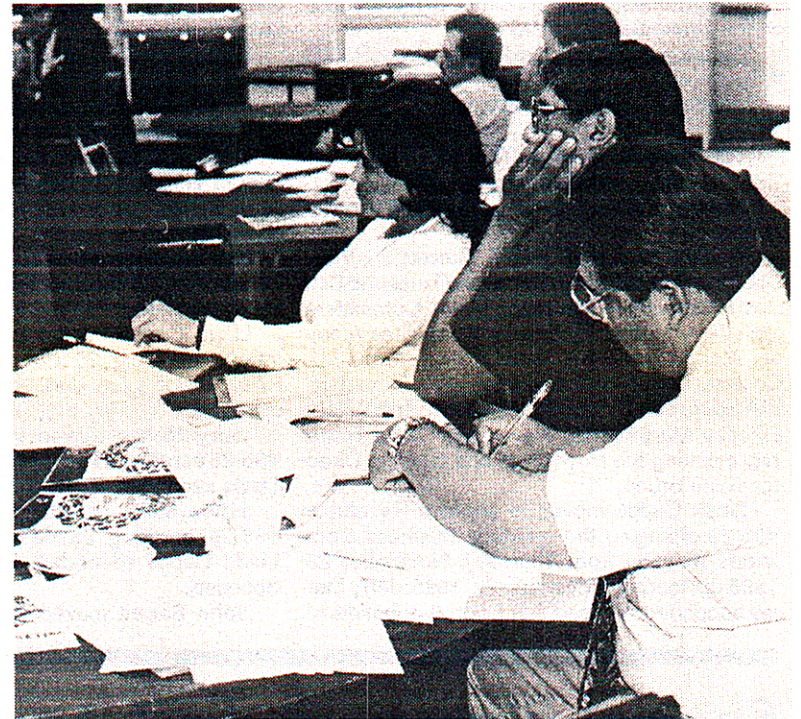


Bibb, Right, Discusses New Program With Participant

ence. Many appreciation notes and calls were received regarding our hosting the conference. Also many positive comments were made regarding the business enterprises and tribal orga-

nizations that represent the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

I anticipate hosting many more conferences by the tribe including some national Employment and Training conferences.



Conference Participants Take Notes On New Information



IN YOUR OPINION

On mascot debate

To the Editor,

Think in your mind, how people view you Now, think how they view you as a Potawatomi. Is there a difference? Do you get a feeling of respect the first time you enlighten a person on your Potawatomi heritage? I do.

If a sports team wants to use a picture of a Native American as their logo, then call that logo a "Redskin" and refer to themselves as "Redskins", then they have the right to do so. You have the choice to decide whether or not that offends you. Would an organization that wanted to portray a strong image choose a slug for a mascot? Would a company hire a person with no confidence to be their spokesman? The "Redskin" and other such sports related mascots, names, or mottoes, were

chosen because they are viewed as powerful. They were not chosen to mock or scoff at the Native American culture.

By complaining over such a petty ordeal, it belittles us as a people. We are sovereign! We do not need to follow the lead of other minority groups. We do not need to try and get the majority group to assimilate to our culture. The majority respects our culture, it envies our culture, and by yearning for their respect, we lose our own. Please believe that the Potawatomi respect themselves and their culture and therefore, need no other.

Michael S. Cory
Annandale, VA

New family member

To The Editor:

The Bruno family plans to hold a welcoming feast at the annual

Potawatomi Pow-Wow on Saturday evening at the campgrounds. In the past year a new family member has been added, one who has been lost for over thirty years.

It is a long story and one that rivals anything on the talk show circuit, but Jo Ellen Bruno has been lost to her family since she was two years old.

In 1994, Jo Ellen located documents which indicated that her birth name was Bruno and that she had been adopted when the family broke up after the death of Mose Bruno Jr. The documents indicated that she had been born in Konawa, Oklahoma, so she placed advertisements in local newspapers asking for Bruno descendants to contact her in Alabama.

One thing led to another and she was put in touch with Mildred Bruno Flynn of Macomb, Okla-

homa, who has collected considerable information on the Bruno family. That led to a reunion last year with her eight brothers and sisters, but she has yet to meet all of her Bruno relatives.

The Brunos of the Shawnee area would like to invite all the Brunos and their relatives to welcome their long-long relation, Jo Ellen, with a welcoming dinner to be held at the annual Potawatomi Pow-Wow. Bring a dish, bowl and spoon, and family stories and photos. Look for signs at the Pow-Wow.

Leon Bruno
Tecumseh, OK

Student wins honors

To The Editor:

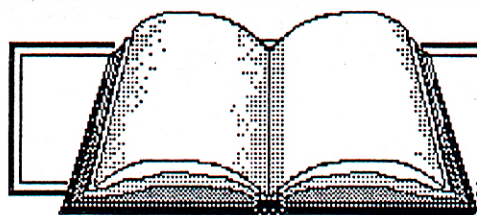
Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Michael Palmer received top ratings in District Solo and

Ensemble contests at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on Feb. 24. Michael, son of Stacey and Shannon Smith and grandson of Leon and Veta Bruno, is a student at Wewoka High School.

Michael received three superior ratings and qualified for State Competition to be held in April. He performed a trumpet solo, in a trumpet trio and in a brass quartet.

The Pride of Wewoka Band received an Academic Achievement Award from the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Association. Band members maintained a 3.5 cumulative grade point average. The band also received a superior in competition which allows them to participate at the state competition.

Stacey Smith
Wewoka, OK



For the record...

SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING January 24, 1996

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley.

Meeting called to order at 4:40 pm.

Business Committee approved the sale of cigarettes scheduled for export at the two tribal stores.

Jerry Motley moved to approve a network proposal with priority for implementation in Tribal Rolls and Enterprise Accounting with six months to point of operation and one year to full operation; Linda Capps seconded, passed 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 absent.

Business Committee approved Tribal Employee Submission to Tribal Jurisdiction form for all employees to sign.

Discussion was held on Administrator or Deputy Administrator and/or Business Committee member having keys and combination to the Tribal Rolls office.

JoAnn Johnson was appointed to the vacancy on the Grievance Committee.

Vacancy was due to the death of Hazel Rhodd Williamson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING November 27, 1995

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Grievance Committee member Marian Flanagan, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, BIA Education Director Ed Herndon, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, Wayne and Gloria Trotter representing the HowNiKan and Gaming Director Gene Bruno.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-23 changing the quarterly Business Committee meeting from Thursday, November 23, 1995 to Monday, November 27, 1995; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Chairman Barrett read the minutes of the Special Business Committee meeting held September 26, 1995 approving Resolution #96-21 on the relinquishment of Nancy Alberta Kahdot Walker Webster. Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis objected to the minutes as read. Linda Capps moved to approved the amended minutes; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve with one correction, the minutes of the August 9, 1995 Business Committee meeting; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ed Herndon reported to the committee that a resolution to change the scholarship guidelines has been approved by the bureau and is ready to be submitted to the tribe in a secretarial election. The question will go on the ballot along with a proposal to change the official name of the tribe to "Citizen Potawatomi Nation." Vice-Chairman Linda Capps and tribal member Joe LaReau will sit on the Secretarial Election Board for the election. John Barrett moved to allocate \$25,000.00 from General Account to fund the secretarial election; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve with one correction, Resolution #96-24 enrolling 29 applicants eligible under previous guidelines; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-25 enrolling 25 descendency applications; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to approve resolution #96-26 enrolling 20 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve resolution #96-27 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve resolution #96-28 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-29 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution

#96-30 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-31 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #96-32 enrolling 23 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-33 enrolling 27 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve resolution #96-34 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #96-35 enrolling 24 descendency applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #96-36 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve resolution #96-37 enrolling 10 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to table the Tort Reform Ordinance until Business Committee members could review the Ordinance; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to have Chairman Barrett and Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert to contact

the County Board of Equalization and all persons concerned including the attorneys that handle civil issues for the county about the tax bill and the alienation problem with the property at First National Bank and Trust Company; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-38 relinquishing four tribal members in order for them to enroll with the Seminole Tribe; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #96-39 applying for funding of Title VI of the Older Americans Act; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 9:45 pm.

Business Committee reconvened at 9:50 pm. Business Committee went into Executive Session at 9:50 pm.

Business Committee adjourned at 10:30 pm.

SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING Amended Minutes September 26, 1995

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Committeeman Hilton Melot, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Vice-Chairman Linda Capps contacted by phone.

Chairman BCommittee approved Resolution #96-21 approving the relinquishment of Nancy Alberta Kahdot Walker Webster in order for her to enroll with the Eastern Band of Cherokees.

Secretary/Treasurer Bob Davis objected to previously typed minutes as read due to omission to contact him. Bob Davis voted yes at the November 27, 1995 Business Committee meeting. Passed 4 in favor, 1 absent.

Special filing period set April 10-12

Two more positions, for a total of four, will be listed on ballots for this year's tribal election as a result of the resignation of Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis and the appointment of Gene Bruno to that post, which left a second vacancy on the Grievance Committee. The last-minute development of the two vacancies also made necessary a special filing period.

Filing was set for April 1, 2 and 3 for the previously announced spots, a full term for the Business Committee #1 post now held by Jerry P. Motley and the remainder of the term for Grievance Committee #2, left vacant with the death of Hazel Rhodd Williamson.

However, since the Secretary-Treasurer and Grievance Committee No. 1 positions became vacant only in the past few weeks, the Election Committee set a special filing period to allow time for potential candidates to be notified. Filing for those two positions will be April 10, 11 and 12. Legal notices are being published in the HowNiKan as well as in county seat newspapers in the eight counties where eligible candidates must reside.

The person elected to the Grievance Committee #1 slot will complete Bruno's term, since he had to resign from that post to accept the temporary appointment to the Business Committee.

Candidates must be enrolled tribal members at least 21 years old, never convicted of a felony and living in Pottawatomie, Seminole, Pontotoc, McClain, Oklahoma, Lincoln, Cleveland or Okfuskee counties in Oklahoma.

All four positions will be on the June 29 ballot at the annual tribal election and, of course, on absentee ballots. Election Committee chairman Don Yott said that printing of the ballots may be delayed a few days because of the special filing period but should still be available for absentee voting in late April. Applications for absentee ballots can be mailed in at any time, but must be postmarked by June 9.

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FOR GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE JO ANN JOHNSON EXPERIENCE COUNTS!

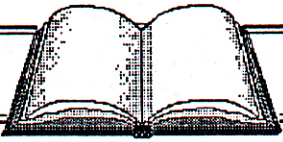
This previous member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Grievance Committee:

- ★ Is the great-granddaughter of Joe and Tilda (Curley) Nona
- ★ Is the granddaughter of Bill and Cecelia "Babe" Nona Lehman.
- ★ Is married to Mickey Johnson.
- ★ Has two children — LaDawna and Jody.

JO ANN JOHNSON

Remember The Name!

Paid For By Jo Ann Johnson, Konawa, OK.



For the record...

New Enrollees

Angelillis, Deanna Kay Art
Brower, Judith Ione Swinehart
Kennedy, Donald Evan
Kennedy, James Robert
Passek, Renda Jean Reed
Weishan, Michael Kenneth

New Enrollees By Descendancy

Adams, Alexandria Julia
Anderson, Kelly sue Brower
Andrews, Shannon Leigh Hedrick
Angelillis, Aubrey Amelia
Angelillis, Judson Charles
Angelillis, Morgan Theresa
Antonicchio, Anthony Ray
Antonicchio, Cynthia Lynn Tarter
Arrasmith, Annah Margaret
Baker, Joshua Lee
Baker, Jr., Ronald Keith
Baker, Phillip Duane
Baldwin, Blake Edward
Bell, Jean-Thomas
Bibb, Terri Nicole
Bigby, Kelli Rene Holeman
Bishop, Shawn Aaron
Blankenship, Tony Glen
Boisclair, Justin Roland
Bowman II, Jimmie Dean
Bowman, Devin Nicholas
Bowman, Kimberly Ann
Brower, Traci Ann
Buckles, Tyler Dale
Buckshot, Andrew Marcel
Bumpass, Madeline Anne
Cagle, Jayme Danella

Carbitcher, Brandon Jay
Carbitcher, Jake Lee
Carbitcher, Jason Scott
Carlile, Alexandria Gail
Carlile, Gabriel Lynn
Carlile, Samantha Carol
Carrillo, Christian Davenport
Castaneda, Aaron Michael
Castaneda, Carolina Marie
Castaneda, Corina Rose
Castillo, Briana Vanessa
Castillo, Jessica Marie
Clagg, Mason Keith
Clift, Elizabeth Claire
Clift, Michael James
Cline, Zachery Phillip
Coder, LeAnne
Conrad, Austin Tyler
Conrad, Jeremy James
Conrad, Josephine Irene Bibb
Correll, Victoria Ann
Cronk, Chloe Carin
Cronk, Holly Kristine Dunlap
Dean, Chad David
Denton, Jennifer Ann
Denton, Vicki Elaine
Dike, Carly Rae
Dilley, Betnany Brook Nicole
Dugger, Donald Ryan
Earven, Aaron Wayne
Earven, Donald Byron
Elden, Jr., John Bertton
Fuller, Bryan Allen
Fuller, Jacob William
Garrison, Kelly Erin
Giacobbe, Kimberly Ann
Greene, Jaime Lyn
Greene, Kylie Joyce
Greene, Regan Nile

Grindstaff, Lacy Alexandra
Hacker, Christina Diane Millstid
Harvey, Heather Lynn
Harvey, Jason Patrick
Haynes, Christopher Allen
Haynes, Teresa Lynn Louis
Holloway II, Gary Lee
Huff, Alexander Cole
Ice, Nathan Christopher
James, Cody Lee
Jump, Brian Lee
Jump, Robin Kay
Kelley, Chasity Valine
Kelley, Jason Allen
Kime, Jamie Lea
Lewis, Ryan Patrick
Loudermilk, Garrett Ross
Louis II, Gregory Lawrence
Louis, Michael Daniel
Lowe, Tawnya A. Allio
Massie, Joel Lee
McLaughlin, Jr., Gerald Raymond
Meens, Marcy Jane
Miller, Emily Suzanne
Miller, Katie Dawn
Miller, Keith Reed
Miller, Monica Renee
Miller, Randy Garrett
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Moore, Lori Lynn Howie
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Nadeau, Michael Victor
Nadeau, Phillip Michael
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Paxson, Dakota Dale-Ray

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Pingleton, Sydney McCall
Ray, Jessica Nicole
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Ray, Nicholas Steve
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Robinson, Christopher Michael
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Sosa, Justin Ray
Sperry, Cassandra Elizabeth
Sperry, Matthew Logan
Sturdivant IV, Thomas Virgil
Tarbell, Deidre Marie
Tarbell, Seth Daniel
Tegtmeyer, Stacey Lynn Allred
Trousdale, Jessica Ann
Trousdale, Matthew Alan
Upchurch, Christopher Mark
Upchurch, Meredith Catherine
Vailes, Cheyanne Love
Veatch, Tyler Ray
Wamego, Carly Renee
Watson, Doris Carol Jump
Wayne, Ashley Allison
Wayne, Sara Lynn-Marie
Williams, Taylor Juliet
Wilson, Zachary Lee Alexander
Wolfe, Lynda Marie
Wood, Zackery Lynn



Sharing His Heritage

A special pow-wow of Potawatomis was held Oct. 18 in Amarillo, Texas, when George Melot gave a presentation to Highland Park Elementary children. Melot, in full head dress, drove 185 miles to tell 250 students the history of the Potawatomi Nation. Margaret, Mickey and Jason Dunham, who sent in this photograph, said the children were "impressed and awed" and said they hope "other older, wiser elders are sharing their knowledge." Melot is pictured with his great-nephew Jason Dunham.

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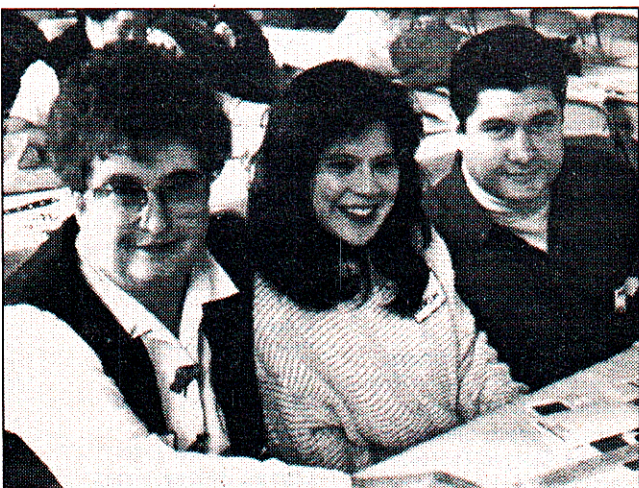
Southern California Regional Council Meeting



Cheri Adams Love of Redondo Beach with husband Mark and son Brandon. She is the granddaughter of Marie and Lewis Adams of Kansas City.



Meet the Pearces: Left to right, Kevin, Dick and Norm. The Pearces are descendants of the Burnett Family.



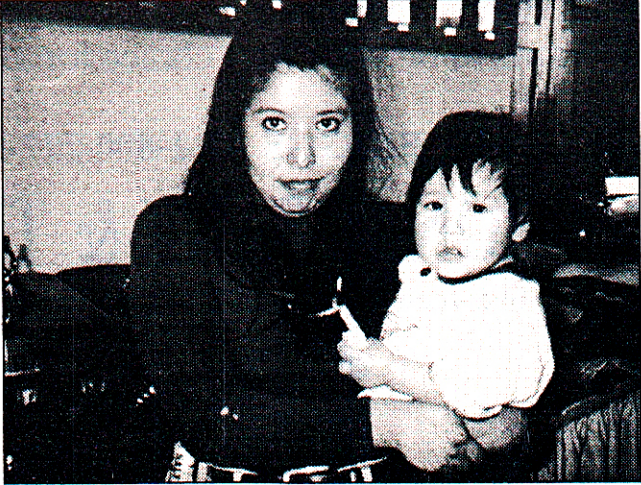
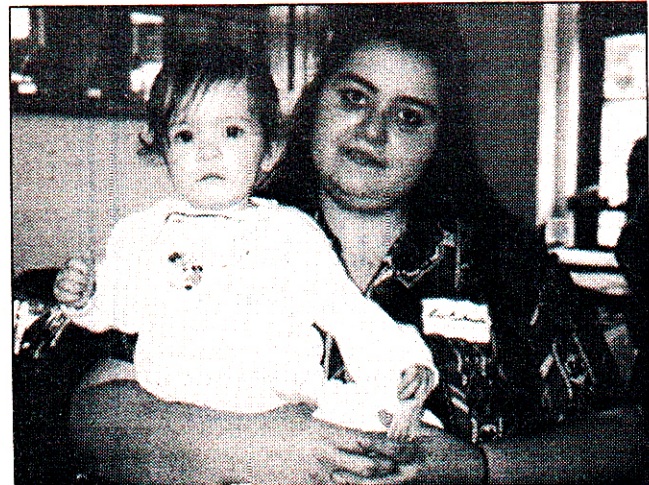
Marcia and Marc Pearce with Marc's friend, Tina Clearike



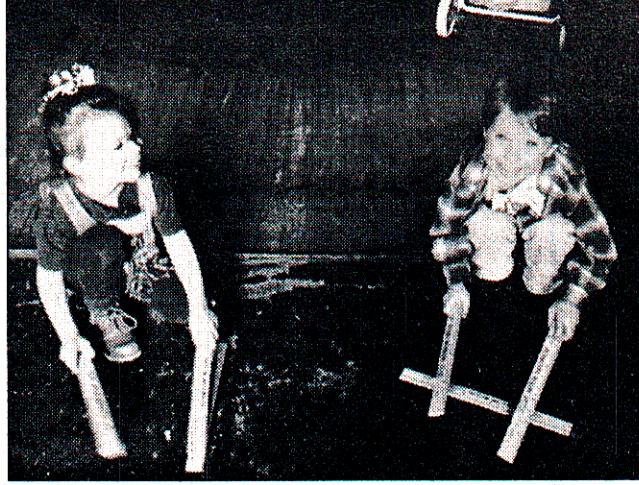
Business Committeeman J.P. Motley had plenty of relatives on hand at the Southern California Regional Council. They're all descendants of the Burnett Family.



J.P. Motley with two of his cousins— Flo Foster and Christina Vargas from Baldwin Park.



Can you believe this 'competition' for the youngest tribal member present? On the left is Misty Marie Salan with her mom, Lisa Castaneda. On the right is Aaron Michael Castaneda with his mom, Martha Castaneda. The cousins were born two days apart. Misty turned one on March 17, Aaron on March 19!



'Drumming' are Hayley Correy and Cody Jensen, son of Shawnie Jensen of Chino. Hayley is Shawnie's aunt. They're descendants of the Peltier Family.

South Pasadena War Memorial Building Feb. 17, 1996



Flo Foster made pillows for the drawing. The luck winners are Deanna Castaneda, Lisa Castaneda with Misty, Michelle Thorne and John Davis. John also was the "Keeper of the Fire" for the day.



The two 'Wise' tribal members at the Southern California Regional are shown here with Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. They are Loretta Peltier Jenkins and Robert Whistler. Both are 85



Tawny Hill, a member of the Eagle Spirit Dancers of the Navajo/LaKota People, demonstrated a combination of tradition, beauty and talent.



Ben Hill, narrator, is shown with other family members. They are known as the Eagle Spirit Dancers of the Navajo/LaKota People.



Rita Wood Carney and daughter Gayle Wood of the San Francisco area came the longest distance. They are shown here with Committeeman Hilton Melot.



Jeremy Finch, left, Southern California Regional Representative, visits with Randy Schoeman.



Jacqueline Azhen French and Ellis Finch take a break and play outside the War Memorial Building. Ellis is the youngest son of Jeremy Finch.

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South Texas

Bourzho from Houston!

It is not too soon to think about the Youth Encampment, to be held August 5-9, 1996, in or near Shawnee, Oklahoma. I'm sure your children would benefit greatly from the experience.

John and I were there last summer, and we had the pleasure of working with some of the finest Indian youngsters, and teen age councilors, and adult teachers and supervisors that we've ever had the privilege to meet.

The children, and young teens, ages ten through fourteen, were able to participate in all the camping, sailing, swimming, classes and games at St. Crispin's Retreat Center, a beautiful place with cabins, a full size swimming pool, two lakes, and the best supervision I've ever seen at camp.

There was a Storyteller, one of the men taught hide tanning, one taught the boys the making of drums sticks and how to sing at the drum, and they learned how to make whistles from river cane.

The girls were taught jewelry making, and how to make fry bread, and other Indian foods, and of course all participated in the swimming, volley ball games, sailing, canoeing, and such.

CPR was taught in an evening class, as well as the respect one pays to one's elders, and some history of the people. The food there was excellent, prepared by the staff at the Retreat Center and served cafeteria style three times a day.

For a week of such good, well supervised fun and learning, the fee is only \$300. That covers everything except transportation to Shawnee and home again.

If you have children in this age group, and are interested in the opportunities at camp, call me or call Norman Kiker. He will be

there, as will John and I, to help with the children and to make their camping fun in a good Indian way.

If we have enough interested, we will try to teach the making of regalia, and some of the dances as well.

We ask you to remember those who have been dealing with health problems in your prayers, and especially J.P. Motley's father, who has suffered a heart attack recently.

I spoke with Marci Hauer's husband Don last evening, and he sounds great, and assured me he is doing well. There is a man with great spirit, who has been dealing with cancer for over a year now and is winning the battle. We remember them in our prayers every day, and trust you will too. Marci is one of Philonise Williams' twin girls; you remember Philonise is the very good regional representative for our people in Arizona. She is blessed with six beautiful daughters!

The deer are coming back in greater numbers now. We saw five at one time this week, and the migrant birds are still with us and a joy to behold.

Good for you for voting in the recent election!

Also, we offer a hearty hand shake and a sincere welcome to Gene Bruno as he joins the Business Committee as our new Secretary/Treasurer. We know you will do a good job for the tribe, Gene.

Remember our council meeting in May, on Saturday the 18th, and plan to be in Austin for that special day.

I will be looking for you at the pow wows!

Pa Ma Me Na,

Lu Ellis

Oregon/Idaho

Bourzho from Oregon/Idaho;

Well we have really had everything Mother Nature could give us. Some folks say the grasshoppers are next, but I'm hoping we are back to normal and can forget all this bad weather.

My family had some close calls but the Great Spirit was with us and we came out of the wind, rain, ice, snow and flooding just fine. A lot of people are still trying to clean up after all the devastation. Here locally the water is still rationed, which seems very strange to me, as from where I sit today, it still looks like I have lake side property. The farm lands are still very much under water, not so much that the river is high, but because the ground is so saturated it just won't hold any more water. Consequently it just sits here. I am hoping that everyone is doing better by now and we can get on with summer.

I have been busy setting up our Regional meeting, coming up in April. We will be meeting at the same place as last year, the same time and if you were there,

you will remember the scrumptious meal we had. Salmon and barbecue beef with all the fixings. Sure hope you are planning on attending again this year. Last summer we toured the new bowling alley and restaurant and the newly remodeled bingo hall. Come and see the slides of the new facilities. Esther's gift table will be set up

so you can shop before or after the meeting. She always has such nice things to buy.

I am looking forward to seeing all my brothers and sisters soon, as I really miss talking to you. Please let me know if you can attend as soon as possible, as Marina needs to know how many are coming to dinner. Remember this meeting is for our

children too, big or little; please bring them with you, because the measure of a man's character is not what he gets from his ancestors, but what he leaves his descendants. Let's leave them with knowing they are Native American and how proud they should feel.

Megwetch,

Rocky Baptiste

Midwest

Bourzho Nikon;

By the time this article is published, the Kansas City regional meeting will already have been held, so I will report on that next month.

As we all know by now, the two issues on the February secretarial election were passed. Whether you were for or against these issues, I applaud those of you who voted. By voting our voices are heard. No matter what the tribe's official name is, I will always be proud to be a Potawatomi.

I hope many of you will have the opportunity to attend the Potawatomi Pow-Wow in June. I always look forward to seeing so many old and new friends each year.

Upcoming powwows and events of interest:

May 11 — Bob & Nancy Blue's anniversary

dinner dance, 4-H Building, Independence, Missouri

May 10, 11 & 12.—Haskell Powwow, Lawrence, Kansas

May 17, 18 & 19—St. Louis Pow-Wow, Jefferson barracks

May 18 & 19 — Central Missouri Cherokee Pow-Wow, Centrailla, Mo Fairgrounds

May 21, 25 & 26 — Copan, OK Pow-Wow at Fred Fall Leaf Farm

May 24, 25 & 26 — Columbia, MO at the fairgrounds

May 30- June 1 & 2 — Tulsa, Ok Pow-Wow at Fairgrounds Pavilion

Megwetch,

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REGIONAL REPORTS

Washington State

Susan Campbell

Bourzho from Seattle!

My congratulations to Nicole and Steve (and Bronson) Collins on the birth of their new son (and brother)! Blake Arthur was born February 9 and weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds, 11 ounces. He was 20 and a half inches long. I hope that you are watching the mail for your Regional invitation. It will include all the information you need on this year's regional meeting; if you haven't received your copy by April 10 please call me immediately! the hotel requires a head count in order to prepare an adequate number of meals, so the deadline for RSVPs is April 15. **BRING YOUR BIA CARD TO THE MEETING THIS YEAR!** You will be glad you did. I will try to have pow-wow lists available for you at Regional. I look forward to seeing you!

It was a privilege to be a guest at the first Potlatch to be held in Seattle in over a hundred years. Potlatches, because of their spiritual content and the preparation that goes into them, were forbidden by the missionaries who came into our region in the early 1800s. They continued to be held, however, but deep in the woods where they'd be harder to find (in this way were all of our traditions kept alive).

This one was sponsored by the Tsimshian Tribe and included naming ceremonies, adoption ceremonies (one of my friends was adopted by the Tlingits and renamed), give-aways, lots of good food, dancing — a very full day and evening. At one point there must have been 500 people there! I am hearing of Potlatches being held in other communities as well. It's good to know that the old ways haven't died out for the coastal peoples. In

Regionals: Only Three Remain!

These are the remaining Regional Councils on the 1995-96 schedule. Be sure to attend if one is in your area!

Seattle April 20
Eugene, Ore April 21
Austin, Texas May 18

The annual Council in Shawnee will be held June 29. The Pow Wow will begin on June 28 and continue through June 30

light of this I encourage you to keep your stories and traditions alive within your family. Honor your elders and take time to listen to them. Know who you are — and celebrate!

I've heard from several tribal members in Idaho who failed to receive a mailing for last year's picnic in Boise. I mailed picnic flyers to Washington State last year, including the flyers on the Boise picnic, but I wasn't asked to do the mailing to Idaho. Shayshoshewa Westin, Nicole Collins and I have been in communication over this and have decided that there will be a Boise picnic, hosted by Shayshoshewa, this year. I look forward to working with Shayshoshewa and to attending the picnic as well (no date has been chosen yet. Any ideas?) I will get flyers out to all of you probably before the end of June or the very first part of July after I get home from

Shawnee. That mailing will also include the flyer for the Manchester picnic July 20. You're are welcome at both of them.

The poem to which I was referring last month was actually an excerpt from a book, *Notes From Baby Angel Grace* by Marion Behnke. Written for those who have lost a child, it does bring a sense of comfort. I have since purchased the entire book and recommend it. I have the ordering information in my office. It was super to have a visit, much too short, with Philonise Williams when she was up here for the marriage of her grandson, Jan Nestler's son, in February. Definitely a bright spot in my month! While at Jan's, I was introduced to her daughter Laura and shown the display on the Potawatomi, and her family, which Laura had made for a class project. I hope she brings it to our Regional meeting. She did a beautiful job!

I hope you have a chance to catch the "Sacred Encounters: Father De Smet and the Indians of the Rocky Mountain West" exhibit showing in Portland's Oregon History Center through June 23. Call (503) 222-1741 for hours and admission. I saw this exhibit in Vancouver, British Columbia and it is excellent! Father De Smet also spent time with the Potawatomi in Council Bluffs, IA.

Eternal God, when our world grows phony with velvet flatteries, hollow smiles, and empty words, lead us back to the genuine with talk that means something, smiles that beam true, and promises that do not crack. (Prayers From an Island by Richard Wong)

Have a good month.

Susan Campbell

Southwest

Philonese Williams

Bourzho from the Southwest,

This month I traveled to Seattle, Washington, for my grandson Travis Messer's wedding. Words cannot express the love and joy that flowed through the group of young people that attended that lovely event. It was wonderful to see a number of my children and grandchildren that I don't often get to see. It was quite a treat. Once the tears were dried and all the goodbyes were said to friends and loved ones, we wished bon voyage to Travis and his beautiful bride Sara and collapsed!

I was able to connect with my lovely friend Susan Campbell. We gabbed the night away which is one our our downfalls, as we never know when to quit!

I have located a number of our Bourassa family members in Canada and in France. There is a lady in the Phoenix area who was trying to find her roots and while we were searching I came upon the above information. My, those Bourassa men really like to travel.

I'm sure that most of you know of the Trail of Death, as some call it, when we were forced off our land in Illinois. If this is not familiar to you I suggest that you

try to find out about our history by reading or you may be interested in this bit of information. On Sept. 21-22, Shirley Willard, who is the director of the Fulton County Historical Society, is holding recognition weekend for the Bourassa Family. Each year Fulton County tries to honor the families whose forefathers were on that death march.

Anyone who is a descendant of the Bourassa family and is interested in attending, call Shirley at the Fulton County Historical Society, 37E-375N, Rochester, Indiana 46975. telephone 1-219-223-4436 or call my office, 1-800-452-8966 or Fax 602-569-6935. Please call as soon as possible if you are interested. If we do not respond Shirley will be forced to pick another family.

Well, things are very quiet around this office. I guess everyone has everything they need. March will be a busy month for me but I'm never to busy to talk with any of you or answer your questions.

Until next month, Remember: Your journey to tomorrow is always just the beginning.

Philonise Williams

Northern California

Jennifer Porter

Bourzho from the rain-soaked Bay Area!

We should have millions of wonderful spring flowers this year and no water shortages. Megwetch to the Creator! We will have just had our Regional Council meeting when you read this. I will certainly let you know how things went.

Much is going on in April — here are just a few things to chose from:

UC Berkeley Native American Programs - Friday, April 5th, Info: (501) 642-6613 or 643-7902; DQ University PowWow - Friday, April 5th at 6 pm, Info: (916) 758-0470; UC Davis Cultural Days - Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7, Info: (916) 752-2027; Wild Flower Festival - Saturday, April 6. Info: (209) 784-3155; Mills College PowWow - Saturday, April 20. Info: (510) 430-2341, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland; Title IX Spring Fair - Saturday, April 27. Info: (510) 656-4179; Indian Education Crafts & Sports Picnic - Linda Vista School - Fremont; 16TH Annual DeAnza College PowWow - May 3rd - 5th, Cupertino. Info: (408) 864-5448; 25TH Annual Stanford PowWow - May 10th - 12th. Info: (415) 725-6944; UC Santa Cruz PowWow - May 18 & 19. Info: (408) 459-2296; DQU's Big Time Celebration - May 24th - 26th. Info: (916) 758-0470; Red Road Celebration & PowWow - May 25th - 27th. Casa DeFruta, Pacheco Pass. Info: (408) 459-7929.

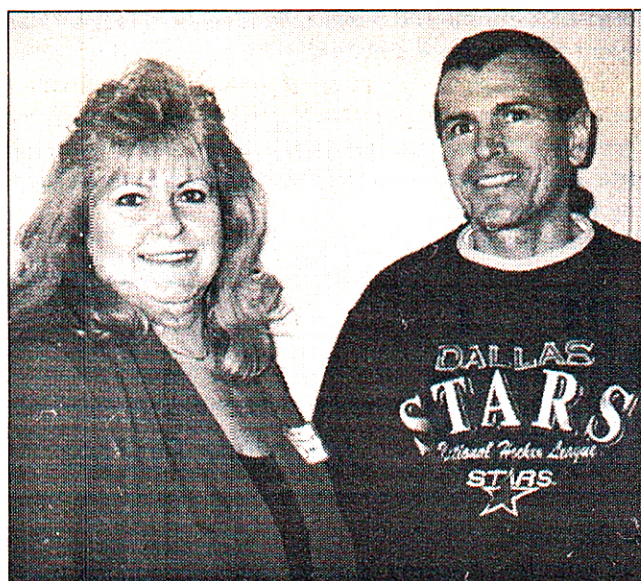
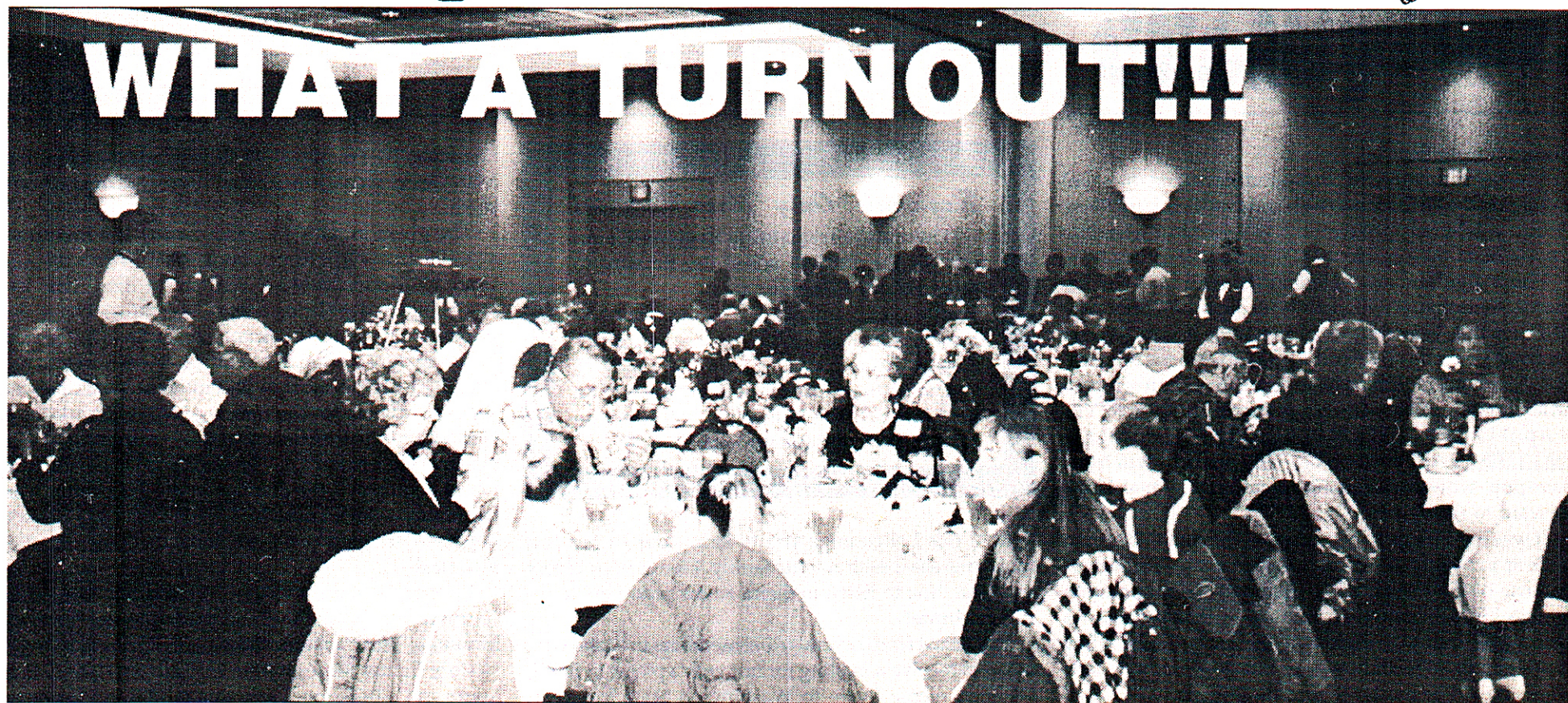
I know this is a long list, but if your calendar is like mine, you need information way ahead of time. I hope you will try to make time for some of these gatherings. After my experience in Shawnee, I'm definitely going to become a familiar face in our ever-widening circle of brothers and sisters.

Please remember to send in Chaplain Kiker's Language Survey. It's SO IMPORTANT! I know I want to learn, but even more, I want my son to learn.

Mno-widokdadwat (Be good to one another),

Jennifer J. Porter

Midwest Regional Council - March 9, 1996



Maryann Welch-Frank, Midwest regional coordinator, and J.D. Colbert, tribal administrator, discuss the great attendance at the meeting.



These two ladies were recognized for traveling the longest distance to get to the regional meeting. On the left is Pat Broillier who came from Springfield, Mo. On the right is Donna Widmer who came all the way from St. Louis, Mo.



The youngest enrolled Tribal member on hand was Stetson Montgomery Herrick. He is shown here with his mother, Amy Rose Goodson Herrick.



The 'Wisest' individual at the Midwest Regional was Orval Adams of Kansas City — and wasn't he proud of his brand new and quite up-to-date jacket!



Wayne and Bill Welch, standing, and Jim Sandusky, helped make the meeting a success. Wayne and Bill are brothers of Maryann Welch-Frank.

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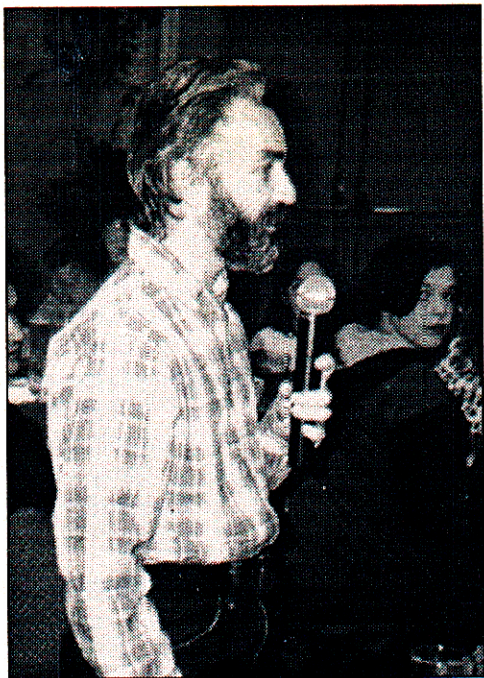


Left To Right: Laberta and Roy Paslay, Mary and Jim Gremore Prine, Vi and Jim Cure and William Wano.



Another group which enjoyed the regional! Left to right are Kris Lampley, Sara Foster, Andrea Foster and Wanda Foster.

And The People Spoke....



Neal Luthye



Bob Nourie



Walter Cooper



Mary Bartlett



Lots of people make the regional councils a family affair. In this group, left to right, are Michele, Hillary and Todd Bixby.



Julia and Roy Slavin display a folding table which Roy makes. You recognize the symbol on the table, don't you?



Another mother and daughter who came to the regional were Esther Williams, right, and daughter Marge Williams

Much misunderstanding persists about name change

Bourzho, Nicon,

In my last column I mistakenly wrote that the other Potawatomi Tribes had dropped the word "band" from their official names, and most were using the word "Nation." This mistake was pointed out in a letter to the HowNiKan from Peggy Kinder, a member from the Kansas City Regional Council. My mistake was due to the use of the word "nation" in the new Tribal Seal of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the letterhead on the stationery of the Pokagon Band which reads "Potawatomi Indian Nation, Inc.," the letterhead of the "Hannahville Indian Community," the letterhead of the "Forest County Potawatomi Community," and the letterhead of the "Keewatin Osagiganig Potawatomi." According to Ms. Kinder's calls she said she made to each tribal office, the use of the word "band" by those who answer the telephone for the other Potawatomi Tribes is still



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

BY JOHN A. BARRETT JR.

pervasive. That is unfortunate. Their leaders appear to think otherwise.

We also heard from some other members who felt that our use of the word "Nation" was somehow stealing the name used for all Potawatomi. Again, this is simply not the case. The word "Nation" signifies our governance of a territory uniquely ours. It in no way detracts or infringes on any other Potawatomi group. I would ask those members who feel this way to research the use of the word "nation" by all the

other major tribes and many smaller ones. You will find that the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma has in no way trespassed on the name of the Eastern Cherokee Nation of North Carolina.

One member even wrote that I had "dishonored our elders" and "abandoned our history" by proposing the use of the word "nation" in our name. Nonsense. The name "Citizen Band" was given to us by the United States Department of the Interior; we didn't choose it, vote on it, or even use it until the last

few decades. If you grew up around here, you heard the elders refer to the Prairie Band as "the Kansas Potawatomi," the Citizen Band as "the Oklahoma Potawatomi," and the others as "the Potawatomi up north." That is the tradition of our elders.

I am grateful for the large majority of members who voted to change the tribal Constitution regarding the use of the college scholarship trust funds set aside over thirty years ago. The new and younger members deserve to be able to use this money for education instead of restricting the use to members over 36 years old or 1/8. Unfortunately, a small group here in Oklahoma, headed by former Chairman Leon Bruno, is protesting the new change in the Constitution that allows the Scholarship Committee to award scholarships to people born after 1962. He says that only people born before 1962 should have been allowed to vote on the issue. Leon doesn't

understand that the rule that kept new members born after 1962 from using the scholarship money was written into the Tribal Constitution. According to law, the only way to change the Tribal Constitution is by a vote of all the members over 18 years of age.

There is an election coming up for two Business Committee positions: the office now held by Committeeman Jerry Motley, and the remainder of the Secretary-Treasurer's term to which Gene Bruno has been appointed until June. Both of these men have the experience, intelligence, and character necessary for their offices. Both have honorably served the Citizen Potawatomi, with no salary, for many years during the most successful period in Tribal history. Both should be elected. I ask for your support of Jerry Motley and Gene Bruno in the coming election.

Megwetch,

John Barrett

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON NAME CHANGE

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move and camp together." We are not nomadic. The dictionary says that means "... a people or tribe that has no fixed abode, but moves about from place to place according to the state of pasture or food supply."

We were called a "band" by the U.S. War Department in 1867 when we took citizenship, split from the "Prairie" Potawatomi, and had no reservation of our own. We actually became a "tribe," not a "Band" when we purchased our reservation in 1867. When we became a Federally Recognized Tribe of American Indians under the Thomas-Rogers Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act we ceased all semblance of a "band."

The Potawatomi who chose U.S. Citizenship and came to Oklahoma did not choose the name "Citizen Band Potawatomi" for themselves. It was forced on them by the United States Department of the Interior. It is an insult to be referred to as a "band" if you are a tribe or Nation. No Potawatomi ever voted to call themselves "Citizen Band" until 1934, and then the new Tribal Constitution was drafted by the BIA and the Business Committee did not know they had an option to call the Tribe anything but what the BIA

called us.

We are a NATION. The dictionary says that means "a body of people, associated with a particular territory, that is sufficiently conscious of its unity to seek or possess a government peculiarly its own. A member tribe of an Indian Confederation. An aggregation of persons of the same ethnic family, often speaking the same language or cognate languages."

We may use the word "Nation" in our name and it does not usurp the name describing "all Potawatomi." There has been a recent use of the phrase "Seven Bands of Potawatomi" to advertise a gathering and pow-wow put on by the Prairie Potawatomi last year. It was a fine gesture and we will attend in the future. The advertising for the gathering was in error, however. There is no such thing as the "Seven Bands" of Potawatomi that make up one "Potawatomi Nation."

Some people mistakenly thought that as a result of the use of the phrase "Potawatomi Nation" at that pow-wow that a "Potawatomi Nation" existed, and that it is made up of this "Seven Bands." This is not true. In order to be a "nation," there must be one common territory and government. We can be a confederation of Potawatomi Nations if we

want, but we will never again be one "Potawatomi Nation." The "Potawatomi Nation" was broken up by the Treaty of Chicago, the removal of 1838, the Treaty of 1867, and all the actions by the U.S. Government granting land to "bands" of Potawatomi—making them tribes. The creation of governments for those lands made them Nations, no matter what the tribes choose to call themselves. Some of the Potawatomi in Michigan and Indiana did not have any land, so they remained "bands."

There is another compelling reason for there not being "One Potawatomi Nation." Each of the Potawatomi Nations has a separate, rich and noble history full of courage and sacrifice since 1838. They have the fruits of that history and sacrifice to keep for the next generation, and do not want to give up control of those assets. To abandon our separate identities will not happen, and should not, because of the divergent interests and territory of our separate Nations.

If anyone thinks the Potawatomi up north are going to unite with us as one Nation when we outnumber them 6 to 1 and give up control of their casino, think again. If anyone thinks that the Kansas Potawatomi are going to join with us as one Nation

and give up control of their Federal reservation because we outnumber them 4 to 1, think again. If anyone thinks we are going to join with all the other Potawatomi and pool our bank and enterprise assets into one Nation, not to mention our governmental structure which has given us stability unknown to the other tribes, think again.

We won our sovereign territory here in Oklahoma at a great cost to our ancestors. We do not believe it should be thrown away,

or denigrated in any way, because of a misconception of what the phrase "Potawatomi Nation" really means.

John Barrett

Chairman

Linda Capps

Vice Chairman

Gene Bruno

Secretary/Treasurer

Hilton Melot

Committeeman

Jerry Motley

Committeeman

NOTICE

March 29, 1996

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe Election Ordinance (S3-114), a special filing period has been set to file for the following offices opened by resignations tendered too late for the original filing period of April 1, 2 and 3, 1996. The offices are:

Secretary/Treasurer

Grievance Committee, Person I

Anyone desiring to file for the above offices must file during the special filing period of April 10, 11 and 12, 1996 at the Citizen Band Tribal Administrative Offices from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., per article 15, Section 2, Constitution of Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe.

/s/Don Yott

Chairman, Election Board

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Tribal Member Connie Herron Provided Babysitting



These Students Were Obviously Having A Good Time At Babes-Duncan Night

Babes-Duncan Fun Night called school's best-attended event ever

More than 200 people attended a "Babes and Duncan Fun Night" February 29 at Pleasant Grove School in Shawnee. The event, sponsored by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and co-sponsored by the school, was an enormous success.

Babes and Duncan are the names of substance abuse prevention programs the tribe offers to all school in Pottawatomie County. Babes is for the kindergarten through third grade and Duncan is geared for fourth through sixth grade.

The fun night was held to promote family togetherness. Each child was encouraged to bring someone over 18. Parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and old buddies came for the evening. They enjoyed basketball games, arts and crafts and food. Babysitting was also provided for the children under kindergarten age, thanks to the help of Connie Herron, Potawatomi tribal member, and Donette Littlehead.



Plenty Of Events Kept Students And Adults Busy Through The Fun Night



Twenty volunteers and donations made this event possible. Everyone from the family and community service program gave their time. Area businesses donated food and drinks, and many members of the community voluntarily donated their time in serving

food, babysitting and arts and crafts. Tribal members volunteered their time, as well as Pleasant Grove teachers and administration.

A survey among the adults showed the event was a success, and Arlene Burton, Pleasant Grove superintendent,

in a letter to tribal administrator J.D. Colbert, said that the event was "the most well-attended program ever put on at Pleasant Grove School. The program was well planned, cooperatively, with tribal workers and school employees." She said the parents "are anxious to have

another such event. It was truly a wonderful feeling to see parents and students enjoying some quality time of doing activities together."

Babes and Duncan are presented in five schools this semester and are available to any school in the county.

Iowa Tribe offering sign language classes starting April 2

The Oklahoma Association of the Deaf, a nonprofit organization of deaf and the hearing impaired across the state, and the Iowa Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Project are sponsoring classes in sign language free to the public.

Classes will be held each Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m., beginning April 2, at the Eagle's Nest Youth Shelter building located on the Tribal Complex south of Perkins. The eight week classes will be taught by Marlene Bloss of Enid. Bloss is a graduate of Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe, Kansas and Enid Business College. She has taught sign language for twelve years, is currently the treasurer of the Oklahoma Association of the Deaf, and is employed by the

Independent Living Center in Enid.

Enrollment is currently open to anyone who is interested in learning the basic level of sign language, although Native American families with deaf or hearing impaired children will receive priority enrollment. The classes are free, sign language books will be provided free of charge to participants, and parents of deaf children will receive free videotapes of sign language stories.

The class is limited to 25. Call Linda Farley, Vocational Rehabilitation Director, or Serena White, Administrative Assistant for the Vocational Rehabilitation, for more information or to enroll at 405-547-5721 or 547-5722 before March 29.

A Path Guide

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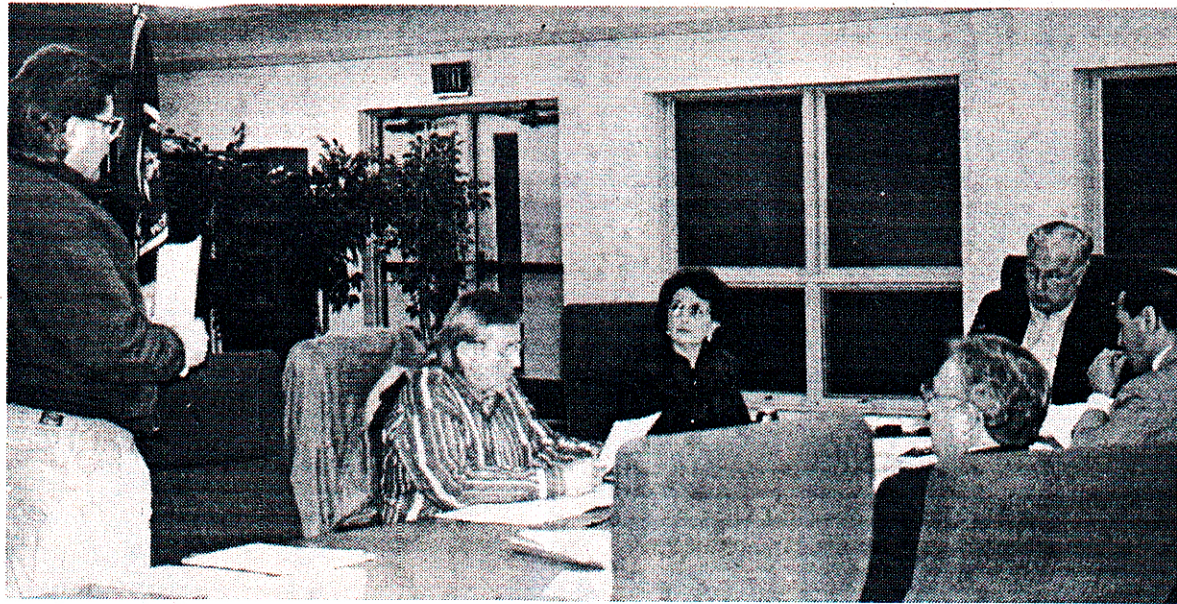
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Business Committee hears reports from directors

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Committee the following night due to previous commitments.

At the Feb. 28 Business Committee meeting, Don Yott was appointed Gaming Commissioner and JoAnn Johnson's appointment to the Grievance Committee was reaffirmed. Yott "has done an excellent job in a variety of posts," said Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., who noted that Yott is a former Internal Revenue Service agent and has accounting background. Yott has also served on the Election Committee for several years.

Johnson, appointed to fill the Grievance Committee seat left vacant by the death of Hazel Rhodd Williamson, has previously served on the Grievance Committee. Barrett noted that she



Tribal Chaplain Norman Kiker Reports To The Business Committee At A Recent Meeting

narrowly lost election to the committee last year and "is interested in serving."

Business Committee members also heard reports from several tribal employees present and allocated \$6,900 to the new graves repatriation and chaplaincy department headed by Norman Kiker. Kiker, who only recently began to devote full-time to those areas plus language and cultural preservation, reported that a survey of tribal members at the Southern California Regional Council showed that "a vast majority want language, and they want to know more about the culture."

"We have to create a community," Kiker said, "where they can learn and speak the language." Kiker also reported on a trip to

Hannahville, noting that there are "three or four other language programs in operation."

"Can we exchange with those others?" asked Barrett. Kiker said he is collecting materials and should have a language tape ready this summer. He also mentioned a filmed language lesson.

Vice Chairman Linda Capps asked which of the other Potawatomi tribes is most advanced in language study and preservation. Kiker said the Forrest County group seems to have done the most work.

Employment and Training director Gary Bibb reported on a Public Law 102-477 training conference hosted by the tribe earlier

in the month. Explaining that the new approach involves the consolidation of several federal Dept. of Labor and Health & Human Services programs, he indicated that six of the tribes at the conference plan to operate under the new system and two others are interested.

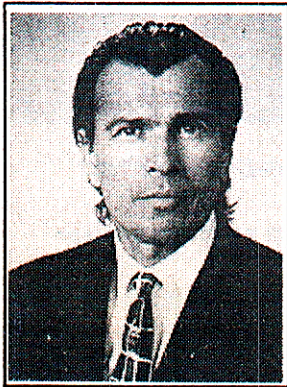
The conference visitors were "very impressed with our enterprises ... and the progress the tribe has made," Bibb said.

Barrett introduced the new tribal pharmacist, Joe LaReau, noting that "it's great to have a Potawatomi pharmacist." LaReau said that he has been "real busy" at the pharmacy since beginning there earlier in the month.

Golf pro Mike Wood reported that repairs to a bridge on the course will soon be complete, although the work might mean shutting down one day.

Barrett recognized several visitors at the meeting, including former tribal chairman Leon Bruno and former committeeman Max Wano. Bruno addressed the committee about submitting items for publication in the HowNiKan.

After some discussion, Barrett told them that any tribal member is free to submit material for publication, but reminded them that available space is a consideration and the final decision on what is published is subject to Business Committee approval.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

By J.D. Colbert

I am pleased to see that the proposed name change from Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma to Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been approved by a vote of our people at the recent Secretarial election. The use of the term nation in our tribal name is a reflection of the status of the Citizen Potawatomi as one of the largest of the 557 federally-recognized Indian tribes in the United States. With approximately 23,000 enrolled members, we would rank about 10th in membership out of the 557 tribes. We are no longer a village but have become analogous to a fully developed city-state.

Like a city-state, we have an established jurisdictional area over which we exercise a full spectrum of government powers. These powers are inherent in what then Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court John Marshall once termed "domestic dependent sovereign" in his reference to Indian tribes in 1832. We have our own law enforcement agency, an established and fully functioning court system, an appellate court system, and a supreme court.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation also has an established executive system in which we exercise regulatory powers, licensing activities, permitting, inspections and monitoring functions. We have corporate powers which enable us to create various regulatory bodies and commissions or to establish entities to carry on various business activities.

The use of the nomenclature "band" was promulgated by the U.S. War Department as a pejorative in reference to small, nomadic "splinter groups" — renegades, if you will. The Citizen Potawatomi do not now — and never have — fit this definition.

Indeed, the contemporary Citizen Potawatomi Nation, with its 23,000 members and more than 300 employees, is fast becoming the paradigm for what Indian tribal government should be as we approach the year 2000. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a fusion of the traditional with the contemporary, a blend of long-standing tribal culture and history intermixed with computer technology and sites on the World Wide Web.

Thank you for your support on this important name change. I believe that it will go a long way toward a further strengthening of our tribal sovereignty. We are still a member of the Potawatomi family of nations. As Citizen Potawatomi, however, we have a unique history that has carried us into the present and will continue to do so into the future.

HELP MAKE HISTORY!

Plans are underway for a contest to help design a new seal for the tribe, in keeping with the name change to Citizen Potawatomi Nation. The Business Committee will be soliciting entries in a contest, with details to be announced in a future edition of the HowNiKan. In the meantime, get those creative juices flowing. Your idea could become part of history!

CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION REQUEST FOR BALLOT • 1996 ELECTION

In order to comply with the 1996 Election Ordinance, please fill out this form and return to:
Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Potawatomi Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: _____ TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION BY JUNE 9, 1996.